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KOMBU KITCHEN SF LLC, dba NIBLL

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re:

KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL,
a California limited liability company,

Debtor and Debtor In Possession.

Case No. 2:23-bk-17276-BR

Chapter 11

Subchapter V

**DECLARATION OF KEVÉN
THIBEAULT REGARDING POST-
PETITION FINANCING ON AN
UNSECURED BASIS (FEBRUARY 2025)**

[No Hearing Required]

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DECLARATION OF KEVÉN THIBEAULT

I, Kevén Thibeault, hereby declare:

1. I am an individual over the age of eighteen and CEO of KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL, the Chapter 11 Debtor and Debtor in Possession (the "Debtor") herein. Each of the facts contained in this declaration is based upon my personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. The Debtor commenced this Bankruptcy Case by filing a petition for relief under Chapter 11, Subchapter V, of the Bankruptcy Code on November 1, 2023 (the "Petition Date"). The Debtor continues to carry out its business operations and manage its financial affairs as a Debtor in Possession pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107 and 1108. No trustee, examiner, or committee has been appointed in the Bankruptcy Case.

3. I submit this declaration setting forth the funds advanced to the Debtor from my wife and me, which were used to fund operations and to pay critical expenses of the Debtor.

4. During the month of February 2025, the funds provided via the DIP Loan total \$31,362.36. A summary and detailed list of the critical and operation expenses paid is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this ³ day of April 2025, at **San Francisco**, California.



KEVÉN THIBEAULT

EXHIBIT 1

Summary of Advances
February 2025

<i>Expense</i>	SUM of Amount
Bank Fee	589.94
Bus. Travel	3,570.93
Business Services	151.65
Business Subscription	7.00
Catering COGS LA	11,303.35
Catering COGS SF	521.07
Catering Equipment	744.88
Event Decor	3,140.77
Kitchen Repairs	783.64
Meals and Entertainment	66.60
Office Equipment	458.09
Office Supplies	1,591.38
Parking	99.00
Test Kitchen Office Rent	6,475.00
Transportation	104.83
Transportation - Fuel	469.62
Transportation- Fleet Maintenance	512.80
Travel Meals	74.96
Utilities	696.85
Grand Total	31,362.36

Advances: Detail
February 2025

Date	Description	Amount	Expense
2/1/2025	Gas	327.88	Utilities
2/1/2025	Electric	222.09	Utilities
2/1/2025	Water	114.38	Utilities
2/1/2025	Internet	32.50	Utilities
2/1/2025	Test Kitchen Office Rent	6,475.00	Test Kitchen Office Rent
2/28/2025	AMZ 111-0560694-2693840	72.26	Office Equipment
2/27/2025	AMZ 111-0590278-4724234	541.84	Office Supplies
2/27/2025	AMZ 111-2175453-5028237	159.19	Office Supplies
2/28/2025	AMZ 111-2790056-7804206	40.93	Office Supplies
2/28/2025	AMZ 111-2877664-6759426	16.11	Transportation- Fleet Maintenance
2/27/2025	AMZ 111-3943736-1863410	227.37	Catering COGS LA
2/25/2025	AMZ 111-5753209-8727456	188.64	Catering COGS LA
2/27/2025	AMZ 111-6991987-7365812	65.00	Catering COGS LA
2/27/2025	AMZ 111-7403179-5789041	113.10	Office Equipment
2/25/2025	AMZ 111-7604893-9613044	74.31	Office Supplies
2/25/2025	AMZ 111-7604893-9613044	114.96	Catering COGS LA
2/25/2025	AMZ 111-8584569-0844234	17.95	Catering COGS LA
2/25/2025	AMZ 111-8590194-8261840	153.64	Catering COGS LA
2/27/2025	AMZ 111-9854716-5154664	113.10	Catering COGS LA
2/7/2025	AMZ 112-7365840-9605857	107.73	Office Equipment
2/28/2025	AMZ 113-0609255-6461841	25.95	Catering COGS LA
2/15/2025	AMZ 113-1345151-7350620	33.79	Catering COGS LA
2/11/2025	AMZ 113-2545052-3965063	102.35	Catering COGS LA
2/10/2025	AMZ 113-2637106-4921816	89.38	Office Supplies
2/11/2025	AMZ 113-4202792-2433042	38.54	Office Supplies
2/11/2025	AMZ 113-4202792-2433042	32.31	Office Supplies
2/28/2025	AMZ 113-4249088-4796206	47.94	Catering COGS LA
2/28/2025	AMZ 113-4249088-4796206	166.61	Catering COGS LA
2/6/2025	AMZ 113-4744928-5992249	18.12	Catering Equipment
2/8/2025	AMZ 113-4899514-3185049	10.76	Office Supplies
2/11/2025	AMZ 113-4995590-4678604	10.76	Office Supplies
2/28/2025	AMZ 113-7509102-1921004	53.86	Catering Equipment
2/28/2025	AMZ 113-7509102-1921004	39.95	Catering COGS SF
2/10/2025	AMZ 113-7952217-7313014	215.46	Catering Equipment
2/28/2025	AMZ 113-8293089-8119441	48.47	Catering Equipment
2/18/2025	AMZ 114-0455564-6010648	119.93	Catering COGS SF
2/18/2025	AMZ 114-1456186-5216238	245.98	Catering COGS SF
2/18/2025	AMZ 114-1712992-9877027	55.21	Catering COGS SF

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Date	Description	Amount	Expense
2/18/2025	AMZ 114-2830429-2156220	503.97	Catering COGS LA
2/23/2025	AMZ 114-2964856-0779432	358.26	Catering COGS LA
2/21/2025	AMZ 114-8023672-9472232	73.24	Office Supplies
2/23/2025	AMZ 114-9341057-4817825	114.86	Office Supplies
2/23/2025	AMZ 114-9341057-4817825	53.86	Catering Equipment
02/08/2025	CHEVRON 0384160	106.85	Transportation - Fuel
02/18/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	47.54	Bank Fee
02/25/2025	SP BUNCHES US	2,188.53	Catering COGS LA
02/25/2025	SP AIR PLANT SHOP	652.69	Catering COGS LA
02/09/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	86.84	Bank Fee
02/03/2025	TST*JUICEFARM-VENETIAN	13.82	Meals and Entertainment
02/27/2025	CHEVRON 0380811	12.37	Transportation - Fuel
02/26/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	383.20	Catering COGS LA
02/25/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	629.85	Catering COGS LA
02/26/2025	Chefs Toys Corona	78.27	Catering Equipment
02/25/2025	CHEFS TOYS ANAHEIM	168.06	Catering Equipment
02/24/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	398.00	Catering COGS LA
02/24/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	9.99	Catering COGS LA
02/24/2025	TARGET 00024216	8.58	Catering COGS LA
02/21/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	46.43	Catering COGS LA
02/21/2025	FEDEX285647535604	37.35	Business Services
02/21/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	532.18	Catering COGS LA
02/21/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	28.96	Catering COGS LA
02/20/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	19.91	Catering COGS LA
02/20/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	30.72	Catering COGS LA
02/19/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	315.20	Transportation- Fleet Maintenance
02/20/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	340.19	Bank Fee
02/18/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	46.88	Catering COGS LA
02/18/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	105.02	Catering COGS LA
02/18/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	158.19	Catering COGS LA
02/18/2025	SMART AND FINAL 313	5.97	Catering COGS LA
02/15/2025	CITY OF SSF - PARKING	1.00	Parking
02/17/2025	CENTRAL # 6 TIRE SERVI	26.25	Transportation- Fleet Maintenance
02/15/2025	DOUBLETREE SAN FRANCISCO	297.12	Bus. Travel
02/15/2025	Staples Inc	405.26	Office Supplies
02/14/2025	LAZ PARKING M18208-DP	26.00	Parking
02/14/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	93.00	Catering COGS LA
02/13/2025	UNITED 0164472269796	40.00	Bus. Travel

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Date	Description	Amount	Expense
02/15/2025	Chicos Pizza Grand...	21.50	Travel Meals
02/14/2025	CVS/PHARMACY #10495	37.25	Travel Meals
02/15/2025	ONT AIRPT PRKING LOT 2	72.00	Parking
02/13/2025	TAQUERIA LAS PENCAS	16.21	Travel Meals
02/13/2025	76 - GRAND MARTCO INC	2.90	Transportation - Fuel
02/13/2025	COSTCO WHSE#654	164.78	Catering COGS LA
02/13/2025	O'REILLY 3473	24.24	Transportation- Fleet Maintenance
02/13/2025	AMERICAN ARS CORPORATION	354.40	Kitchen Repairs
02/12/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	272.42	Catering COGS LA
02/13/2025	EL PAISA@.COM	33.00	Bus. Travel
02/13/2025	SQ *FAR WEST FUNGI INC	60.00	Catering COGS SF
02/11/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	131.00	Transportation- Fleet Maintenance
02/12/2025	LE CHEF BAKERY	407.04	Catering COGS LA
02/10/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	159.82	Catering COGS LA
02/10/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	10.96	Catering COGS LA
02/10/2025	SMART AND FINAL 925	25.96	Catering COGS LA
02/10/2025	99 RANCH #1005	3.24	Catering COGS LA
02/10/2025	PILAS PANTRY COLOSSAL CAK	25.15	Catering COGS LA
02/07/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	547.70	Catering COGS LA
02/07/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	63.94	Catering COGS LA
02/06/2025	FEDEX285131954192	58.30	Business Services
02/08/2025	COSTCO WHSE#0947	89.05	Catering COGS LA
02/07/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	152.72	Catering COGS LA
02/07/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	177.30	Catering COGS LA
02/05/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	263.81	Catering COGS LA
02/04/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	110.22	Catering COGS LA
02/04/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	275.14	Catering COGS LA
02/03/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	14.37	Catering COGS LA
02/02/2025	DOUBLETREE HOTELS	539.89	Bus. Travel
02/01/2025	VENETIAN/PALAZZO ROOM RS	260.41	Bus. Travel
01/31/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	405.30	Catering COGS LA
02/04/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	115.37	Bank Fee
02/08/2025	WORDPRESS.COM	36.00	Business Services
02/05/2025	LOWES	429.24	Kitchen Repairs
02/05/2025	OPENAI *CHATGPT SUBSCR	20.00	Business Services
02/03/2025	VENETIAN STARBUCKS LV	52.78	Meals and Entertainment
02/03/2025	CURB LV TAXI NEW CA QUEENS NY	31.24	Transportation
02/01/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	73.59	Transportation

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Date	Description	Amount	Expense
02/01/2025	ACI JET SNA - VALET Santa Ana CA	165.00	Office Equipment
02/03/2025	SCRIBD SAN FRANCISCO CA	11.99	Catering COGS LA
02/03/2025	THE MARKET BY THE MESAN	347.50	Transportation - Fuel
02/04/2025	VENETIAN/PALAZZO LV	2,400.51	Bus. Travel
02/04/2025	WALMART.COM BENTONVILLE AR	131.40	Event Decor
02/05/2025	ALIBABA.COM	488.60	Event Decor
02/09/2025	NYTimes.COM	7.00	Business Subscription
02/15/2025	WALMART.COM BENTONVILLE AR	521.92	Event Decor
02/20/2025	WALMART.COM BENTONVILLE AR	69.98	Event Decor
02/21/2025	WALMART.COM WALMART.COM AR	116.10	Event Decor
02/22/2025	HOMEGOODS LADERA RANCH CA	628.91	Event Decor
02/22/2025	WALMART.COM WALMART.COM AR	107.61	Event Decor
02/24/2025	WALMART.COM WALMART.COM AR	61.32	Catering COGS LA
02/25/2025	THE WEBSTAURANT STORE	603.49	Catering COGS LA
02/26/2025	THE WEBSTAURANT STORE	108.78	Catering Equipment
02/27/2025	WALMART.COM BENTONVILLE AR	105.60	Event Decor
02/27/2025	Wayfair 866-263-8325 MA	970.65	Event Decor
TOTAL		31,362.36	

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

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A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): **DECLARATION OF KEVÉN THIBEAULT REGARDING POST-PETITION FINANCING ON AN UNSECURED BASIS (FEBRUARY 2025)**, will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. **TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)**: Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) April 7, 2025, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

See attached NEF service list.

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2. **SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL**:

On (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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3. **SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL** (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

April 7, 2025
Date

Martha E. Araki
Printed Name

/s/ Martha E. Araki
Signature

In re Kombu Kitchen SF LLC

Case No. 2:23-bk-17276-BR

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